

Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

25 August 2009

- The meeting started at 13:53
- Present included: P. Sandgren, B. Asimonye, E. Wilson, B. Stewart-Kelly, S. Roberts, and T. Dymkowski
- Discussion regarding GIS Day
  - List of submitted presenters distributed to group
  - Facility limitations allow for 7 presentations at 30 minutes each
  - It was questioned whether we could have the room at 9 am for set up?
    - Beth to inquire
    - Parking was discussed, and some parking places (50) have been made available in the parking garage
  - It was inquired about having the day highlighted on the State TV station
  - A total of 18 presenters offered to present at GIS Day
  - From that list presentations were classified based on criteria
    - Did the person present last year or in previous years
    - Does the topic have wide mass appeal
    - Does the presentation show GIS solving a problem or question
  - It was also decided to have 1 representative from each faction
    - Municipal Government
    - Environmental Agency/group
    - Academia
    - Public Safety/Emergency Management
    - State Agency
    - Cultural

- GIS Industry
- Those not chosen will be asked to present a display table, a poster, or present at a future GISC meeting
- There was discussion regarding vendor participation
- There was discussion regarding whether or not some of the proposed presenters could be displayed as informational table displays
  - Among those discussed were Pictometry and FreedomWeb
- Continued requests for abstracts would be extended to those who submitted offers
- It was noted that presentations should be light and lively to provide a common understanding for attendees from varied backgrounds
  - The presentations should be light on the technological specifics
- The work group will submit a poster highlighting the GeoFocus newsletter
- It was agreed that poster drop offs will be regional
  - They may be dropped off at the office of any work group member
- It was noted that the distributed list was not complete in content, and would be updated and e-mailed to everyone in the group
- Discussion was had about a possible ESRI presentation on GIS use in Government
  - Scott Roberts is to contact Matt Davis to discuss possible presentation topics and poster possibilities.
- It was agreed that there would be no keynote speaker for the event but that Diane Wallace would be asked to offer opening remarks
  - Peter will request and discuss with her
- A formal invite to the CT Geography Bee winner was discussed
  - The invite should be sent via his school
  - Having him recognized by the council with a certificate at the council meeting was discussed
- Margaret Thomas from DEP was invited to do a presentation at the council meeting for September

- Mary Huda from CAAO has been promising to attend a meeting since this past spring
  - She is welcome to attend meeting
- The meeting concluded at 15:23